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AMENDMENT

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Dear Examiner Ahmed:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 24, 2006. This Amendment is timely because it is being submitted with a two-month extension of time to extend the period for reply until December 24, 2006. However, December 24, 2006 falls on a Sunday and December 25th is a holiday. Consequently, the period for reply is automatically extended to December 26, 2006. Please enter and consider the following.